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1211 FIRST AVENUE

Seattle, Wash., May 29, 1909

To the City Council,

Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:

We beg to call your attention to the Flag now on exhibit at entrance to the City Hall. This sample flag was placed at the suggestion of your Council to serve as a sample for decorative purposes. Our proposition to decorate this city has been partially submitted to you verbally, but we now reduce the same to writing in order that our proposition may be more fully understood.

We propose to install flags and device as per sample, on all cluster light poles at a rate of \$6.00 each. The device which holds and supports the flags to become the property of the City indefinitely. The rate of \$6.00 practically covers only our initial cost, our object mainly being to get this device on the market. The cost therefore, to the City of Seattle would be a first cost only and ownership of device, etc. thereafter.

This method of flag decoration could be used indefinitely for years to come at only a nominal cost of new flags from time to time, inasmuch as the fixtures would at all times be in hand and the only expense being attaching device.

For a long time proposition we do not know of any more economical method that you could employ. The relative cost per month for the period of the Fair, four-and-one-half-months, would figure out approximately 41% per day for each individual decoration.

There are no wires to string and absolutely nothing to do but the simple attachment of device. In this connection we desire to

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and is to serve only as an illustration. Should we receive the appropriation we would furnish on the same lines and ideas a much more presentable form. Also, if necessary the size of the flag staff proper could be reduced in size but not necessarily in length. The flags are to be 4 x 6-feet U. S. standard wool bunting. The rate as before stated, to be \$6.00 each and all equipment to become the property of the City.

It will require at least two weeks to install said flags. We estimate that in the main city section on First, Second and Third Avenues, including side streets and eight poles to the block, would require approximately 300. The said decorations will be uniform in all respects as regards height, etc., and the effect on the different avenues during the day and more especially at night, with the reflection of the cluster lights could hardly be improved upon, if you wish the City to appear in gala attire.

The proposition of device in connection with details have been fully covered by us in the application on file for Letters Patent.

We also agree to maintain these decorations during the Fair. As the time is somewhat limited we would be pleased if your Honorable Body would take immediate action.

Submitted.

Very respectfully,